



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is a tumor that is located at the base of the brain and affects essential functions of the body, such as breathing, regulation of blood pressure, heart rate, and nerve and muscle reactions; and
- WHEREAS: DIPG is most common among children between the ages of five and ten and affects between 200 and 400 children in the United States each year; and
- WHEREAS: DIPG accounts for approximately 10 to 20 percent of all childhood central nervous system tumors; and
- WHEREAS: DIPG is the second most common malignant brain tumor among children and the leading cause of death from pediatric brain cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of DIPG vary, but most often include nausea, frequent headaches, problems with walking and coordination, weakness in the arms and legs, difficulty controlling eye movements and facial expressions, and trouble speaking, chewing, and swallowing. Symptoms of DIPG tend to worsen as the tumor further develops; and
- WHEREAS: There is no known cure for DIPG and the survival rate remains low. Treatment for DIPG includes surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy; and
- WHEREAS: Continued innovation in medical technology and advancement in research offers the possibility for greater treatment options in the future and hope for those affected by DIPG; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the organizations such as the Michael Mosier DIPG Foundation that are committed to increasing public awareness and understanding of DIPG in order to improve the overall quality of life of those affected by the disease; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2018, as DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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